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ALDHELM'S RUNIC ALPHABET AND THAT OF THE COD. REG.

IN the *Archiv für das Studium der Neuern Sprachen* vol. 99, Nos. 3–4, p. 425, Holthausen draws attention to the Runic Alphabet discovered by Stokes in the *Codex Reg.* 338 fol. 90. Now, there is a similar Alphabet on record in the works of Aldhelm as edited by J. A. Giles, p. 105. It stands midways between the prosaic and poetical parts of the *Anonymi Epistola ad Sororem Anonymam*, and is remarkable for the mixture of Old English with Old Saxon and Old High German forms of the Rune-names. It may be of interest to compare the two Alphabets by putting them side by side.

	COD. REG. 338:	ALDHELM, P. 105:
a	*aac*	*asc*
b	*berc*	*berc*
c	*cen*	*can*
d	*daeg*	*dour* (= *docur* = *dogur*)
e	*eeh* (= *eoh* Holth.)	*ehu*
f	*feh*	*feli* (misread for *feh*)
g	*geos* (= *geofu* Holth.)	*gip* (= *gifu*)
h	*hegil*	*ha. gal*
i	*iis*	*is*
k	*calc*	*ker* (= *cen*?)
l	*lago*	*lagu*
m	*moun* (= *monn* Holth.)	*man*
n	*need*	*not*
o	*coscos* (= *os*, *oos*? Holth.)	*os*
p	*pear* (= *peaɪð*, *peoɪð*? H.)	*pert* (= *perth* = *peorth*?)
q	*yymoth* (*queorth* H.)	*quirun* (= *quiruh* = *quiruth* = *queorth*?)
r	*raad*	*rat*
s	*sigil*	*suigil*
t	*tu* (= *tii*, *tir* Holth.)	*tac*[1] (= *tuc* = *tiig*?)
u	*ur*	*ur*
ch	*ilih* (= *ilch* Holth.)	*ilc*
y	*ir* (= *yr* Holth.)	*ian* (= *ior*?)
z	*zaar* (= ȝ *ȝaar* Holth.)	*zar* (= *ȝaar*)

[1] *tac* also if found on page 92 between *dunning* and *fridh*. These Old English words have no connection whatsoever with the Latin text of the *Epistola ad Eahfridum ex Hibernia in Patriam Reversum*, where they occur.

After the 'Aldhelm' Alphabet there follows:

RRR *Rex Romanorum ruit.*
PPP *Pater Patriae Profectus est.*
FFF *Ferro Frigore Fame.*
MMM *Monitum Monumentum Mortuus est.*
VVV *Victor Vitalis Veniet.*
AAA *Aurum* (= *Auram?*) *A nobis Aufert* (= *Auferet*).

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